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C O N F I D E N T I A L RIO DE JANEIRO 2050

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION

REF: (A) STATE 077217; (B) BRASILIA 3617 (NOTAL),  
(C) BRASILIA 3905 (NOTAL), (D) STATE 110330 (NOTAL)

1. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT OF INTER-AGENCY CIVIL  
AVIATION COMMISSION (CERNAI), BRIG. EDIVIO CALDAS SANTOS,  
HAVE PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON REF SUBJECT.

2. APPARENTLY LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (CIAAC)  
WAS FORMED BECAUSE OF THIS REGION'S GROWING SENSE OF IMPOTENCE  
VIS-A-VIS OTHER AREA BLOCS. EUROPEAN (ECAC) AND AFRICAN (AFEAC)  
CIVIL AVIATION BODIES WERE MODELS FOR LATIN AMERICAN COMMISSION.  
DECISION TO FORM CIAAC, HOWEVER, WAS APPARENTLY SPARKED BY  
INCREASED COORDINATION OF AFEAC AND ARAB COUNTRY POSITIONS.  
GIVEN POWER REPRESENTED BY THESE TWO REGIONAL GROUPS, LEADING  
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LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION NATIONS FELT THEY NEEDED A REGIONAL

ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR BARGAINING POSITION. ALTHOUGH BRAZILIANS EXPRESS SOME DISTASTE AT THIS TREND, WHICH PORTENDS DIMINISHED ATTENTION TO TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THEY ALLEGEDLY SEE NO ALTERNATIVE BECAUSE OF AFRICAN/ARAB COHESION AND DISPROPORTIONATE VOTING POWER OF MINI-STATES IN THOSE REGIONS.

3. CIAAC ORGANIZED BOTH TO COORDINATE LATIN AMERICAN POSITIONS WITHIN ICAO AND TO HARMONIZE REGIONAL AVIATION DEVELOPMENTS. ALTHOUGH TECHNICAL ISSUES WILL PRESUMABLY CONSTITUTE CIAAC'S PRINCIPAL CONCERN, BROADER POLICY MATTERS WILL CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSED. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD U.S. AND BRAZIL HAVE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING MONTREAL ASSEMBLY AS PROPOSED REFTELS (C) AND (D), BRAZIL WILL MOST LIKELY DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER CIAAC MEMBERS.

4. MEETING OF CIAAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT BOGOTA IN FEBRUARY 1974 APPARENTLY SOUGHT MOSTLY TO REAFFIRM MEXICO DECISION OF DECEMBER 1973 AND TO DEVELOP BROAD GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSED REGIONAL ORGANIZATION. OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO TAKEN TO PRESENT SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS WITH COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT DECORATIONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN PERSONAL TIES AMONG PARTICIPATING AVIATION OFFICIALS. DECISION WAS TAKEN AT THAT TIME TO HOLD SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO DURING WEEK OF MAY 27-31, 1974. DURING RIO SESSIONS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET TO DRAFT PAPER OUTLINING CIAAC STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES. IN ADDITION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF DELEGATES FROM MEXICO (PRESIDENT) AND COLOMBIA, BRAZIL AND COSTA RICA (VICE PRESIDENTS), ARGENTINE OFFICIAL ALSO PARTICIPATED ON GROUNDS THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS CHARGED WITH PREPARING FOR FORTHCOMING CIAAC PLENARY MEETING AT BUENOS AIRES IN AUGUST. BUENOS AIRES PLENARY WILL REVIEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS, DISCUSS SEPTEMBER MONTREAL ASSEMBLY, AND ELECT NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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